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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord, who shall abide in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Your holy hill? You have given us the answers. Those who walk upright and work righteousness, who speak the truth in their hearts, will abide in Your presence.

Today, prepare the men and women of this body to dwell with You. Give them the integrity to be true to their duties, always striving to please You. Lord, fix their hearts on You, that everything they say and do will be under Your Lordship. Send out Your light and Your truth that they may shine in this Chamber, and guide our Senators in these challenging times. Join our lawmakers to You with an inseparable bond of love for You. You alone, O God, can guard their hearts with peace.

We pray in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 3, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for 1 hour. Senators will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The majority will control the first 30 minutes and the Republicans will control the next 30 minutes.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco legislation, H.R. 1256. This is postcloture on the motion to proceed. Upon the use or yielding back of the 30 hours of postcloture debate time, the Senate will turn its consideration to that legislation. We hope that some time can be yielded back. We will wait and see what the will of the Republicans is at this time. We would like to begin the amendment process. We had a number of very good speeches yesterday from Senators who intend to offer amendments to this legislation. I will be speaking with the Republican leader throughout the day.

Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, at some point we will be back on the postcloture time. When that occurs, I ask unanimous consent that my hour postcloture be given to the Senator from North Carolina, Mr. BURR.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TOBACCO REGULATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to say a few words about the FDA legislation we have been debating on the floor this week. First, I thank Senator ENZI for his hard work in managing this bill. He always does a great job. I also wish to acknowledge Senator BURR's thoughtful leadership on this legislation. This is a complicated set of issues. No one—I repeat, no one—knows the intricacies better than the Senator from North Carolina, Mr. BURR. He has been a good friend and ally of producers and growers dating back to his days in the House, and he has offered a thoughtful alternative to this very flawed legislation which we have before us.

A few years ago, I led the effort in Congress to enact a tobacco buyout which ended the Federal Government's support of tobacco production. Although the number of tobacco farms in

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